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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": review of gender mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system

Draft decision submitted by the Bureau of the Commission of the Status of Women on the basis of informal consultations

Working methods of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Commission on the Status of Women, having examined, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/27 of 26 July 2001, and noting its past efforts to enhance its methods of work, decides:

(a) To enhance the use at its annual sessions of interactive events that will increase the emphasis of the Commission on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action[1] and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the sharing of experience and good practices;

(b) To further explore options for the multi-year programme of work, bearing in mind, inter alia, the experience gained by other functional commissions, with the goal of improving the effectiveness and flexibility of the Commission on the Status of Women; in this regard, the Commission may wish to consider reducing both the number of thematic issues and the use of agreed conclusions per session;

(c) To explore ways to make better use of its standing agenda item on emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men; any inclusion of emerging issues would take into account the framework of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for

[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and would be on the basis of agreed and transparent procedures for selection and consideration by Member States;

(d) To continue discussion of these issues during the forty-ninth session of the Commission.